

Review Notes for VUS 5

REPUBLIC IS RULE BY ELECTED OFFICIALS.

CONFEDERATION MEANS SHARED POWER.

The **Articles of Confederation (AOC)**, created our first national government which gave each state one vote regardless of size.

What the AOC could do-POWERS:

- Declare war
- make peace
- sign treaties,
- borrow money
- Settle Native American controversies,
- Western land controversies
- standard weights and measures
- postal service

Weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation included

- lacked the power to tax
- regulate interstate commerce
- no common currency,
- each state only had 1 vote
- weak national government.

Farmers in Massachusetts that were losing their farms to creditors and in court joined **Shays Rebellion in 1786. This showed the need for a stronger national government.**

George Washington presided over the **Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, PA.**

Yet it was **James Madison** who is called the “Father of the Constitution” because of his role in the Constitutional Convention-VIRGINIA PLAN-3 BRANCHES-2 HOUSES-BICAMERAL

At the Constitutional Convention, the issue of congressional representation was settled by the **Great Compromise**, which provided for a two house (bicameral) legislature, with **one house to represent all the states equally (SENATE) and the other house**

to represent the states based on the size of their populations(HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES).

The Constitution contained a provision relating to slavery that stated a slave would be counted as 3/5 of a person for purposes of representation in the House of Representatives. **Three-fifths compromise.**

The Constitution created a federal system of government in which the national government holds some powers and the state governments hold other powers called **federalism.**

Within the national government created by the Constitution are the three branches of the federal government that are related in this way; that each branch has some powers over the other two. **Legislative-make laws Judicial-interpret laws Executive-enforce laws**

The Constitution assigned **judicial powers** by establishing a separate and independent court-SUPREME COURT